

B'NAI B'RITH  INTERNATIONAL

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Geneva, Switzerland

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H.E. Ms. Rosemary Banks
Ambassador-Designate to the United States of America
New Zealand Embassy Washington
37 Observatory Cir NW
Washington D.C.

via facsimile

Your Excellency,

On behalf of B'nai B'rith International, we write to express our shock at the terror attacks at two mosques in Christchurch. We send our deepest condolences to the families affected by this horrific attack and to all the people of New Zealand.

The hatred that inspired this contemptible act is an increasingly growing problem in far too many parts of the world. It has only been a few short months since the American Jewish community suffered a similar tragedy at Pittsburgh, but our community is still shaken to the core by that attack. To see nationalist extremism strike again—this time on the other side of the world—is distressing for us and for all people of conscience.

The only way to defeat hateful ideologies is to confront them head on. B'nai B'rith International stands with the people of New Zealand at this terrible time of unimaginable loss, and we pledge to fight with you against extremist hate and fanaticism in the future.

Sincerely,

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President

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